

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2596**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Feuer**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 6031 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to attorneys.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2596, as introduced, Feuer. The State Bar of California.

Existing law, the State Bar Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of attorneys by the State Bar of California. The State Bar is governed by a board of trustees of the State Bar. Existing law authorizes the board of trustees to aid in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence or to the improvement of the administration of justice, including, but not limited to, all matters that may advance the professional interests of the members of the State Bar such matters that concern the relations of the State Bar with the public.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6031 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 6031. (a) The board may aid in all matters pertaining to the
- 4 advancement of the science of jurisprudence or to the improvement
- 5 of the administration of justice, including, but not by way of

1 limitation, all matters that may advance the professional interests  
2 of the members of the State Bar and such matters as concern the  
3 relations of the ~~bar~~ *State Bar* with the public.

4 (b) Notwithstanding this section or any other provision of law,  
5 the board shall not conduct or participate in, or authorize any  
6 committee, agency, employee, or commission of the State Bar to  
7 conduct or participate in any evaluation, review, or report on the  
8 qualifications, integrity, diligence, or judicial ability of any specific  
9 justice of a court provided for in Section 2 or 3 of Article VI of  
10 the California Constitution without prior review and statutory  
11 authorization by the Legislature.

12 The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to  
13 prohibit a member of the State Bar from conducting or participating  
14 in such an evaluation, review, or report in his or her individual  
15 capacity.

16 The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to  
17 prohibit an evaluation of potential judicial appointees or nominees  
18 as authorized by Section 12011.5 of the Government Code.